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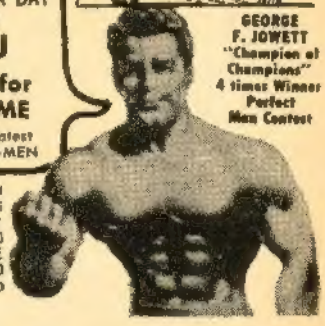

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THE MISSING MONEY RACKET

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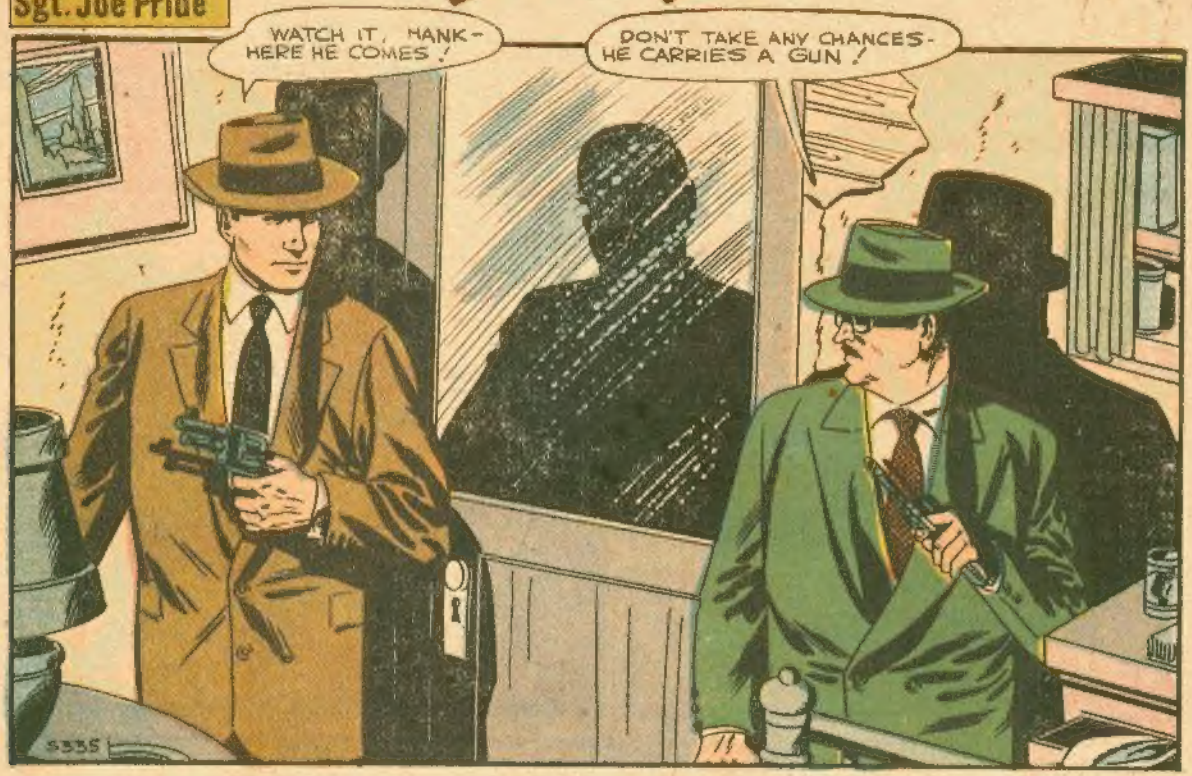

TUESDAY! 6:20 P.M., I RECIEVED A PHONE CALL FROM GEORGE HALL, MANAGER OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK! A THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS MISSING! HANK AND I GOT THERE FAST...
WE CHECKED AND RECHECKED! BUT EACH TIME WE TRIED TO BALANCE WE WERE SHORT ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS! THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER-- THE MONEY WAS STOLEN!
KEEP CALM, MISTER! JUST GIVE ME THE FACTS!

SOMETIMES OUR EMPLOYEES PAY OUT TOO MUCH, CASHING CHECKS OR MAKING WITHDRAWALS! ONLY SMALL AMOUNTS, THOUGH! BUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS, IT COULD HARDLY BE A MISTAKE!

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7:30 P.M., WE QUESTIONED AND SEARCHED EACH EMPLOYEE WHILE UNIFORMED MEN EXAMINED EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THE BANK! BUT THE MONEY WASN'T MISLAID--IT WAS GONE...

YOU CAN ALL GO HOME NOW! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO HOLD ANYONE, BUT DON'T WORRY--WE'LL KEEP AFTER THIS CASE! IF SOMEBODY STOLE THE MONEY, WE'LL GET HIM! WE ALWAYS DO!

WEDNESDAY! 5:15 P.M., WE STARTED A STAKE OUT OF EACH EMPLOYEE'S HOME! WE VISITED NEIGHBORS AND LOCAL STORES AND CHECKED THEIR CREDIT RATINGS

THAT HEAD TELLER SEEMS TO BE OKAY!

YEAH! HE DRIVES AN OLD CAR, OWNS A CHEAP HOUSE, HE'S LIVING WITHIN HIS INCOME! NOTHING SUSPICIOUS THAT I CAN SEE!

FRIDAY! 7:10 P.M., WE'D FINISHED OUR ROUTINE INVESTIGATION OF EACH EMPLOYEE... EXCEPT ONE, RUTH FANNING, THE MANAGER'S SECRETARY...

HMM... THAT'S INTERESTING! SWANKY APARTMENT, EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, A MINK STOLE! PRETTY HIGH LIVING FOR A SECRETARY'S SALARY!

COME ON! WE'LL HAVE A TALK WITH THAT YOUNG LADY!

7:30 P.M., WE VISITED MISS FANNING'S APARTMENT AND FLASHED OUR CREDENTIALS...

JUST ROUTINE, MA'AM! WHAT WE'D LIKE TO KNOW IS--HOW CAN YOU AFFORD TO LIVE LIKE THIS?

OH, IS THAT WHAT'S WORRYING YOU? WELL, I'M SEPARATED FROM MY HUSBAND! HE HAS A FINE JOB AND HE CONTRIBUTES TO MY SUPPORT! IN FACT, HERE'S A CHECK HE SENT ME YESTERDAY!

SHE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH! 8:10 P.M., WE DECIDED TO DRIVE OUT TO WESTCHESTER TO THE MANAGER'S HOME! WE WANTED TO QUESTION HIM FURTHER ABOUT HIS EMPLOYEES...

HEY, HOW 'BOUT THAT? THE HOUSE IS STRICTLY HIGH INCOME--AND LOOK AT THE CADDY! SAY, HOW MUCH DOES A BANK MANAGER EARN ANYWAY?

ABOUT TEN THOUSAND A YEAR! THIS GUY, HALL, IS LIVING WAY OUT OF HIS CLASS!

BANK IS TREATING YOU OKAY, HUH? LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE LIVING PRETTY GOOD ON YOUR SALARY!

OH, I COULDN'T LIVE LIKE THIS ON MY SALARY! I'VE MADE SEVERAL FORTUNATE INVESTMENTS IN THE STOCK MARKET! BY THE WAY, I HAVE AN EXCELLENT GUN COLLECTION I'M SURE WOULD INTEREST YOU! LET'S GO INTO THE LIBRARY!

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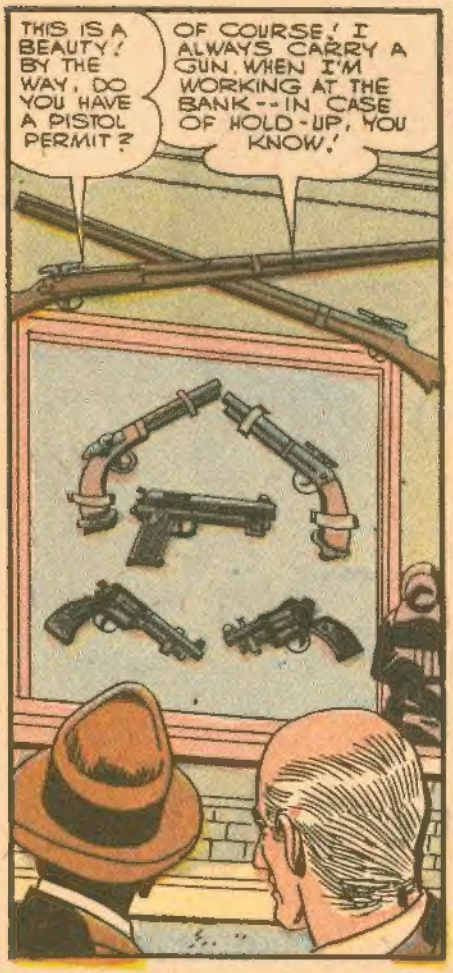
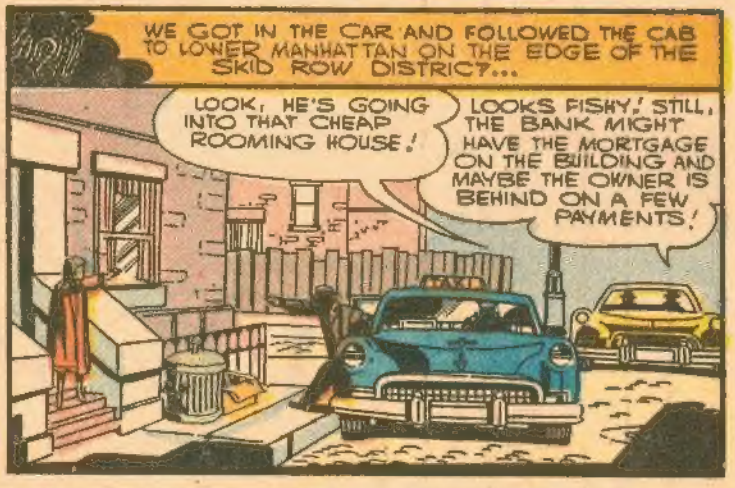

THIS IS A BEAUTY! BY THE WAY, DO YOU HAVE A PISTOL PERMIT?
OF COURSE! I ALWAYS CARRY A GUN. WHEN I'M WORKING AT THE BANK--IN CASE OF HOLD-UP, YOU KNOW!

MONDAY, 10:40 P.M., ON A HUNCH, WE TRACED DOWN GEORGE HALL'S STOCK BROKER AND DISCOVERED HE WAS BUYING HEAVILY ON MARGIN! IN FACT, THAT MORNING HE HAD PAID A THOUSAND DOLLARS TOWARD HIS HIS ACCOUNT! WE DECIDED TO TRAIL HIM...
IT'S JUST ABOUT CLOSING TIME! LOOK, THERE HE GOES! LET'S GET AFTER HIM!


WE GOT IN THE CAR AND FOLLOWED THE CAB TO LOWER MANHATTAN ON THE EDGE OF THE SKID ROW DISTRICT...
LOOK, HE'S GOING INTO THAT CHEAP ROOMING HOUSE!
LOOKS FISHY! STILL, THE BANK MIGHT HAVE THE MORTGAGE ON THE BUILDING AND MAYBE THE OWNER IS BEHIND ON A FEW PAYMENTS!

6:05 P.M., HALL ENTERED THE HOUSE AND LEFT FIVE MINUTES LATER! WE WAITED UNTIL HE WAS OUT OF SIGHT, THEN WENT IN...
POLICE, MA'AM! COULD YOU TELL ME IF THAT GENTLEMAN WHO JUST LEFT LIVES HERE?
OH, YOU MEAN MR. PRENDERGAST! WHY, YES--HE LIVES HERE--WELL, SORT OF...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SORT OF?
YOU SEE, HE RENTS A ROOM--BUT HE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ALL THE TIME! HE'S A QUEER ONE! SAID HE LIVES IN NEW JERSEY AND WANTED A PLACE TO STAY OVERNIGHT WHEN HE CAME TO NEW YORK ON BUSINESS!

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JUST AN ORDINARY LETTER! QUITE BULKY, THOUGH I LEFT IT ON HIS BUREAU!
6:40 P.M., WE WENT BACK TO THE STATION HOUSE! IT LOOKED LIKE WE'D FOUND SOMETHING HOT...
TOO BAD WE LET HIM GET AWAY WHILE WE TALKED TO THE LANDLADY!
YEAH, LOOKS LIKE HE'S OUR MAN! HE COULD HAVE SLIPPED THE THOUSAND IN AN ENVELOPE AND MAILED IT TO HIS PHONEY NAME AT THE LOWER MANHATTAN ADDRESS!
MOST LIKELY HE'S HOME NOW! WE COULD ARREST HIM THERE!
I DON'T KNOW! SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE! BUT WE'D BETTER FINISH OUR REPORT AND SEE WHAT THE D.A. SAYS! MEANWHILE, WE'LL KEEP HIM UNDER SURVEILLENCE!
5:20
THE D.A. TOLD US TO HOLD UP THE ARREST UNTIL HE STUDIED THE EVIDENCE! TUESDAY, 5:20 P.M., HANK AND I WERE IN THE SQUAD ROOM WHEN THE PHONE RANG...
WHAT? ANOTHER TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS MISSING? WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER!
AGAIN? JUST WHEN WE WERE GOING OUT TO EAT!
WE GOT OUT A BROADCAST AND TOOK OFF! A COUPLE OF SQUAD CARS ARRIVED AHEAD OF US! WE QUESTIONED THE EMPLOYEES AS BEFORE AND SEARCHED THE BANK -- WE KNEW WE WERE WASTING OUR TIME, BUT...
ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY CAN GO HOME NOW, BUT BE READY TO COME TO HEADQUARTERS FOR QUESTIONING WHEN WE WANT YOU!
OUR REAL JOB BEGAN THE NEXT DAY! WEDNESDAY, 11:25 A.M., WE STAKED OUT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE LOWER MANHATTAN ROOMING HOUSE AND.....
THERE'S THE MAILMAN NOW!
GOOD! NOW LET'S PAY A CALL ON THE LANDLADY!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

YES, THIS LETTER IS FOR MR. PRENDERGAST. ARE YOU SURE IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU?
WE'LL TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY, MA'AM.
I LEFT HANK TO WAIT IN THE MANAGER'S FURNISHED ROOM AND RACED DOWN TO THE POLICE LAB...
IT'S MONEY ALL RIGHT. WHAT'S THE PITCH?
DON'T HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW! GIVE ME THAT LETTER -- I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO HANK!
12:35 P.M., I SPED BACK TO THE ROOMING HOUSE AND JOINED HANK. WE WAITED. AN HOUR PASSED. 1:40 P.M. WE HEARD FOOTSTEPS IN THE HALL...
WATCH IT! HE'S COMING!
CAREFUL! REMEMBER, HE CARRIES A GUN!
THROW UP YOUR HANDS, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
WE'VE CAUGHT YOU WITH THE GOODS, MISTER! LET'S GO DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS!
I'LL TAKE THAT LETTER, HALL!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

NO USE DENYING IT, HALL! WE KNOW THAT ENVELOPE CONTAINS THE STOLEN MONEY! WE KNOW YOU RENTED THIS ROOM UNDER A PHONY NAME--AND YOU SLIPPED THE MONEY INTO AN ENVELOPE AND MAILED IT TO YOURSELF!
HALL WAS CAUGHT DEAD TO RIGHT! SUDDENLY...
YOU WON'T PUT ME IN JAIL! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
STOP--OR I'LL SHOOT!
WE GOT HIM, HANK! HURRY--SLIP ON THE CUFFS!
DON'T TRY ANYMORE ROUGH STUFF MISTER!
YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE PRETTY SMART, DIDN'T YOU--BUT THAT SORT OF CLEVERNESS NEVER PAYS OFF!
I DON'T SEE HOW THESE GUYS THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT--THEY ALWAYS GET CAUGHT!
GEORGE HALL WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED! AND SO... ANOTHER RACKET WAS SMASHED! ONCE AGAIN WE SEE THE TRUTH OF THE SAYING, "CRIME DOES NOT PAY"!
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THE END

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

ABE HECKER AND HIS WIFE OWNED AN OLD FARM...PROSPEROUS ENOUGH, BUT WHAT MONEY THEY HAD TOOK A LIFE-TIME OF SAVING! THEN, ONE HOT DAY, A WELL DRESSED MAN WALKED TO THEIR DOOR FROM THE STATE ROAD....
MAY I USE YOUR PHONE, MADAME? MY CAR BROKE DOWN! MY NAME IS LEWIS PALEY!
OF COURSE MR. PALEY! COME RIGHT INSIDE!
THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR CALLED JOE BRODSKI'S GARAGE! WHILE HE USED THE PHONE, HE SEEMED VERY INTERESTED IN THE OAKEN TABLE NEARBY!
ABE BOUGHT ME THAT TABLE THIRTY YEARS AGO! STURDY, AIN'T IT?
IT'S A LOVELY EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN PROVINCIAL! YOUR OTHER FURNITURE IS UNIQUE TOO!

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD MAHOGANY TABLE IN YOUR ATTIC? HAVE YOU WONDERED IF PERHAPS IT ISN'T WORTH BIG MONEY? OR AUNT BESS'S CEDAR CHEST... **THAT** MIGHT BE PRICELESS! OTHER PEOPLE THINK THOSE THOUGHTS TOO...AND IT'S THAT FEELING THAT MEN LIKE LEWIS PALEY TURN INTO CASH.... FOR **THEM** .....WHEN THEY GET A CHUMP INTERESTED!

Sgt. Joe Pride in HEIRLOOMS INC.

ABE, LISTEN TO THIS GENTLEMAN! HE SAYS OUR OLD THINGS ARE VALUABLE!
HOW'S THAT, MISTER? I DIDN'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR IT THIRTY YEARS AGO!
NO, BUT YOU BOUGHT ONLY THE **BEST**, SIR! IF GOOD RESTORATION MEN WORKED ON YOUR THINGS, YOU COULD SELL FOR A FORTUNE ...NOT TO **ME**, UNDERSTAND! BUT TO A REPUTABLE DEALER...SOMEONE LIKE ARTHUR DAY!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THAT WAS THE LAST THE HECKERS HAD SEEN OF LEWIS PALEY! BUT HIS HINT WAS ALL THAT ABE HECKER NEEDED! HE CALLED IN ARTHUR DAY....
IS IT WORTH A LOT OF MONEY, MR. DAY?
IT'S FINE WOOD, HECKER!
BUT IN IT'S PRESENT CONDITION, NOT WORTH A DIME!
OH! I RECKON THAT PALEY FELLER TOLD US WRONG THEN!
I DIDN'T SAY THAT! WEYETH AND SONS WOULD MAKE YOUR THINGS BEAUTIFUL AGAIN! REAL COLLECTORS ITEMS! CONTACT THEM! THEY'LL AMAZE YOU!
SO IT WAS THAT HECKER CALLED DON WEYETH! WEYETH WAS THE SON OF A REPUTABLE FURNITURE REFINISHER WHO'D ADDED HIS OWN TOUCHES TO THE BUSNESS!
...SO WHEN CAN YOU START REFINISHING OUR THINGS?
THEY BET!
OUR TRUCK WILL BE OUT THIS AFTERNOON! YOU'LL BE AMAZED WHEN YOU GET YOUR FURNITURE BACK, MR. HECKER!
TWO WEEKS PASSED... NOTHING WAS DONE TO THE FURNITURE! THEN, WHEN HECKER'S CALLS GREW INSISTENT, WEYETH WENT TO WORK!
HERE, LEW! GO TO WORK! POLISH UP THE WORST PLACES ON THIS JUNK! I'LL BEGIN TYPING UP A BILL.... AND WHAT A BILL!
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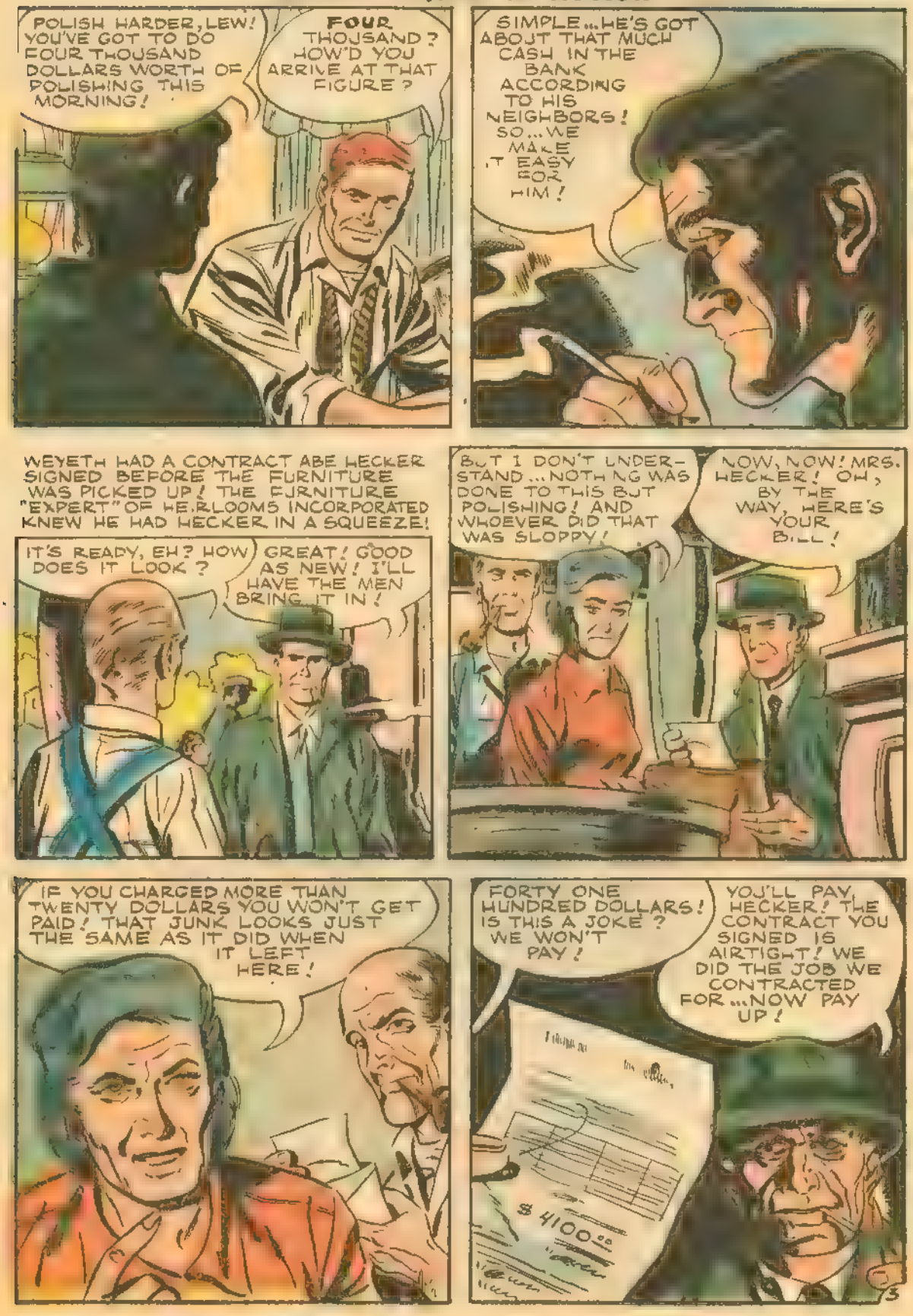
POLISH HARDER, LEW! YOU'VE GOT TO DO FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF POLISHING THIS MORNING!
FOUR THOUSAND? HOW'D YOU ARRIVE AT THAT FIGURE?
SIMPLE...HE'S GOT ABOUT THAT MUCH CASH IN THE BANK ACCORDING TO HIS NEIGHBORS! SO...WE MAKE IT EASY FOR HIM!
WEYETH HAD A CONTRACT ABE HECKER SIGNED BEFORE THE FURNITURE WAS PICKED UP! THE FURNITURE "EXPERT" OF HE.RLOOMS INCORPORATED KNEW HE HAD HECKER IN A SQUEEZE!
IT'S READY, EH? HOW DOES IT LOOK?
GREAT! GOOD AS NEW! I'LL HAVE THE MEN BRING IT IN!
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...NOTHING WAS DONE TO THIS BUT POLISHING! AND WHOEVER DID THAT WAS SLOPPY!
NOW, NOW! MRS. HECKER! OH, BY THE WAY, HERE'S YOUR BILL!
IF YOU CHARGED MORE THAN TWENTY DOLLARS YOU WON'T GET PAID! THAT JUNK LOOKS JUST THE SAME AS IT DID WHEN IT LEFT HERE!
FORTY ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS! IS THIS A JOKE? WE WON'T PAY!
YOU'LL PAY, HECKER! THE CONTRACT YOU SIGNED IS AIRTIGHT! WE DID THE JOB WE CONTRACTED FOR...NOW PAY UP!
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ABE HECKER CALLED A LAWYER ...AND LEARNED THE BITTER TRUTH! THE CONTRACT **WAS** ARTIGHT! ABE WENT HOME TO TELL HIS WIFE THEY'D HAVE TO PAY!

I GUESS I'M GETTIN' OLD! I LET THEM HOODWINK US OUT OF OUR LIFE'S SAVINGS!

IF CHARLIE WAS HOME, HE'D HAVE STOPPED THEM!

MAY I COME IN? I KNOCKED, BUT YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME!

WE'VE BEEN SWINDLED ENOUGH, MISTER! GET OUT OR I'LL SIC THE DOG ON YOU!

I KNOW! I'M JOE PRIDE, OF THE RACKET SQUAD! WEYETH'S BILL HAS TO BE PAID, EH? YOUR LAWYER CALLED ME AND GAVE ME THE FACTS!

THAT PALEY FELLER **TOLD** US THE FURNITURE WAS VALUABLE! HE STEERED US TO ARTHUR DAY! DAY'S THE MAN WHO SENT US TO WEYETH! THEY'RE **ALL** THIEVES!

YES, THEY'RE ONE GANG! CAN YOU TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT THEY TOLD YOU?

WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT! WE'LL LET YOU LISTEN FOR YOURSELF!

WHAT? HOW CAN.... WHAT'S THAT?

THE HECKERS HAD A TAPE RECORDER... IT BELONGED TO CHARLES HECKER, THEIR SON!

....IF GOOD RESTORATION MEN WORKED ON YOUR THINGS, YOU COULD SELL FOR...

GREAT! TERRIFIC! YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER, MR. HECKER! AND HEIRLOOMS INCORPORATED'S ARE JUST BEGINNING!

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SGT. PRIDE HAD A START.... HE DECIDED TO LET THE TRIO HANG THEMSELVES! HE CALLED THEM IN FOR STATEMENTS...
THIS IS YOUR TRUE STATEMENT, REMEMBER? YOU SWEAR YOU DIDN'T TELL ABE HECKER HE HAD VALUABLE ANTIQUES?
OF COURSE I DIDN'T! IT'S A LIE!
ARTHUR DAY SWORE HECKER LIED TOO AND DON WEYETH DENIED KNOWING EITHER OF HIS CONFEDERATES!
WHAT'S THE BIG JOKE? HECKER'LL HAVE TO PAY, THAT'S ALL!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'LL PAY, WEYETH ....YOU AND YOUR STOOGES! LISTEN TO THIS RECORDING!
WEYETH AND SONS WOULD MAKE YOUR THINGS BEAUTIFUL AGAIN! REAL COLLECTOR'S ITEMS!
I KNOW WHEN I'M LICKED! IT WAS ALL PALEYS IDEA, ANYHOW!
WEYETH TOOK MOST OF THE PROCEEDS! HE'S THE GUILTY ONE! ARREST HIM!
I'M ARRESTING ALL OF YOU! AND THAT TAPE RECORDER, PLUS YOUR CONFESSIONS, INSURES A CONVICTION!
WE OWE YOU A LOT, SGT. PRIDE!
THE POLICE MUST THANK YOU, MR. HECKER! WITHOUT YOUR COOPERATION...
HEIRLOOMS INCORPORATED WOULD HAVE BEEN HARDER TO SMASH! ALL OF US SHOULD WATCH FOR SUCH MEN! IF A PRICE OR A CONTRACT SEEMS UNFAIR OR EXORBITANT, CALL YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE! LET THEM ARGUE FOR YOU!
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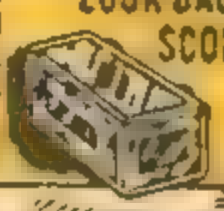

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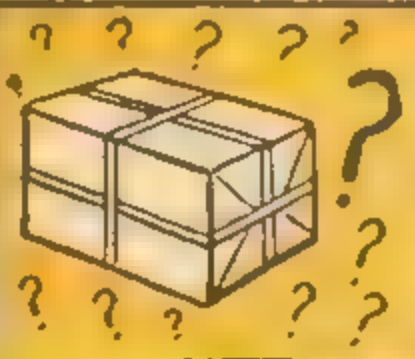

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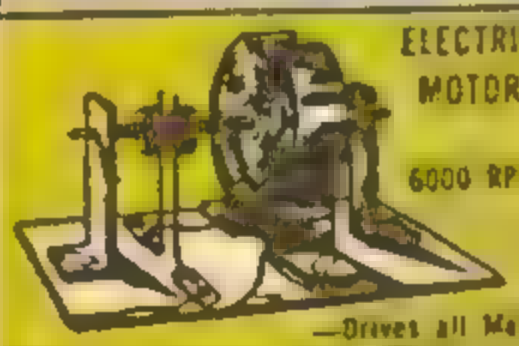

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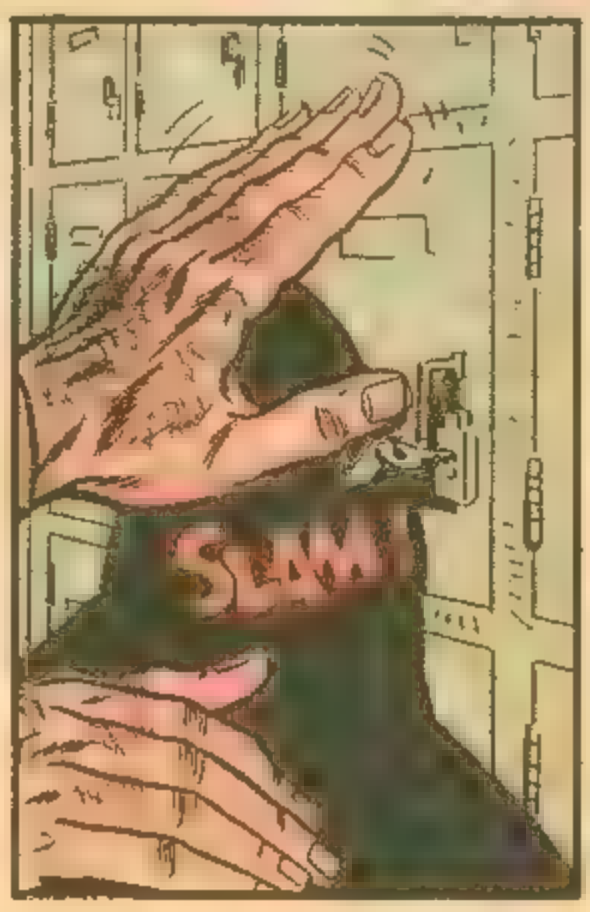
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

PEOPLE GET KILLED IN YOUR JOB, POLICE LIEUTENANT DAN CROFT... BUT THAT ISN'T WHY YOU'RE SWEATING RIGHT NOW! THIS TIME BOMB IS ALL SET TO EXPLODE ANY SECOND... AND TO MAKE IT WORSE, THAT SUBWAY EXPRESS IS BEARING DOWN ON YOU! YOU'RE CAUGHT EITHER WAY... THINK FAST OR ---- YOU WILL BE JUST ANOTHER UNRECOGNIZED HERO ON THE...

DETONATION SQUAD

IT BEGAN A FEW WEEKS AGO, DAN CROFT! YOU DIDN'T SEE IT... BUT THIS IS HOW YOUR ADVENTURE STARTED! AT A DIME-LOCKER IN GRAND CENTRAL STATION...



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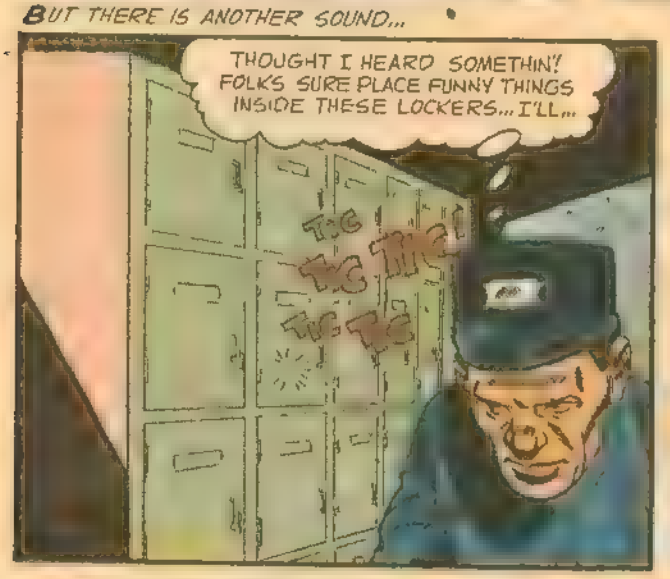
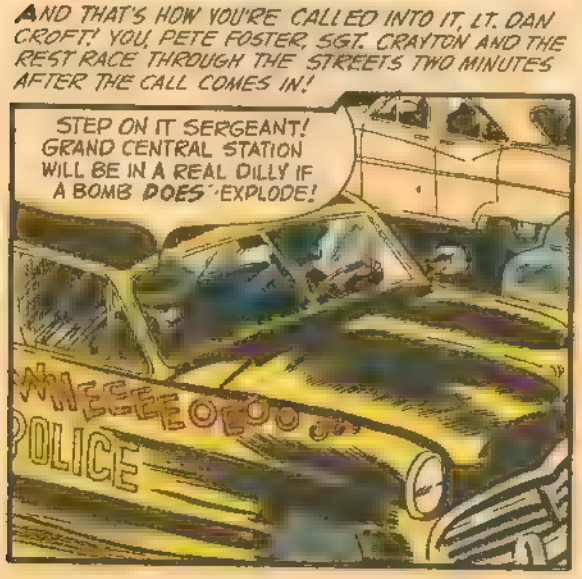

BUT THERE IS ANOTHER SOUND...
THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHIN! FOLKS SURE PLACE FUNNY THINGS INSIDE THESE LOCKERS... I'LL...
TIC TIC TIC TIC TIC

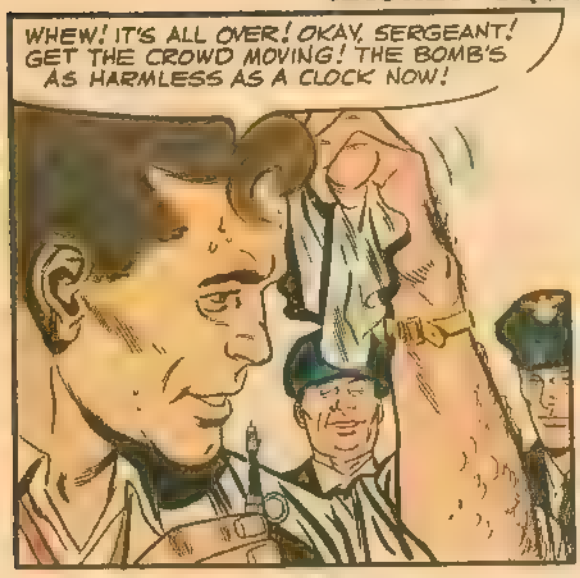

AND THAT'S HOW YOU'RE CALLED INTO IT, LT. DAN CROFT! YOU, PETE FOSTER, SGT. CRAYTON AND THE REST RACE THROUGH THE STREETS TWO MINUTES AFTER THE CALL COMES IN!
STEP ON IT SERGEANT! GRAND CENTRAL STATION WILL BE IN A REAL DILLY IF A BOMB DOES EXPLODE!
POLICE

AND MINUTES LATER, YOU SHOULDER YOUR WAY THROUGH A MORBID EXCITED CROWD...
OKAY! MAKE WAY! C'MON... OPEN UP THERE!
PETE, GET THESE PEOPLE AWAY FROM THIS AREA!
RIGHT, CHIEF!

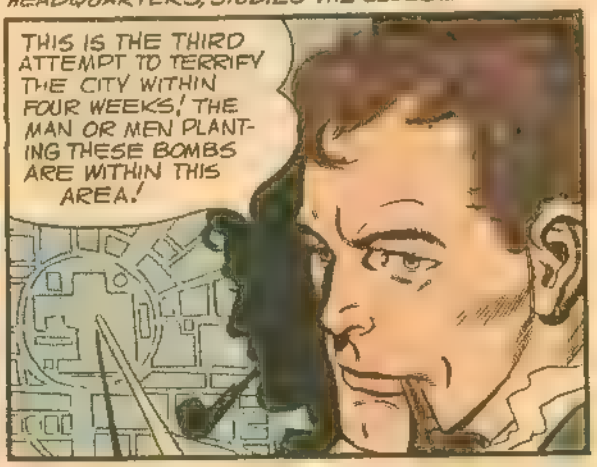
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

YOU'RE AN EXPERT AT THIS, DAN! YOU KNOW YOU HAVE TO MOVE FAST!
D-DIDN'T WANT TO OPEN THAT LOCKER MYSELF, SIR! NO TELLIN' WHEN IT MIGHT GO OFF!
HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S A BOMB? IT COULD BE A CLOCK!
TIC TIC TIC
PETE... CRAYTON... BRING ME THOSE PAILS OF WATER AND OIL! HURRY!
HERE THEY ARE, DAN! GO EASY! WE CAN'T BE SURE...!
WATER
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
FLASH!
NOW COMES THE HARD PART DAN... THE PART THAT MAKES YOU SWEAT AT NIGHT, AND GIVES YOU INDIGESTION AFTER MEALS... THE "TAKING APART" PART!
OKAY, BOYS... HERE WE GO...! STAY WITH ME, LUCK!
IT COULD BE A CLOCK, DAN... BUT... IT ISN'T...
OH... OH... THAT POINTER IS ABOUT TO HIT THE ZERO-MARK! I'LL HAVE TO BREAK OFF THE FUSE!
TIC, TIC
M-MY HANDS ARE TOO SWEATY! WAIT... I... GOT AHOLD OF IT NOW!
CLUK!
RRRRRRRR

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

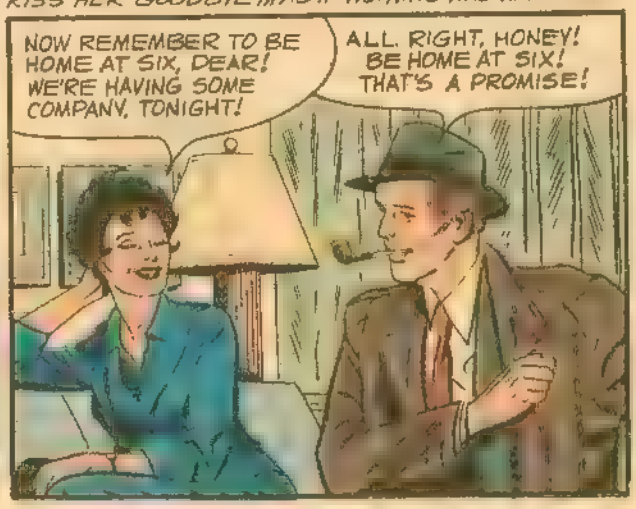


AN HOUR LATER, ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE NOTIFIED! THE F.B.I. IS ALERTED FOR ANY POSSIBLE SABOTEURS, AND YOUR OWN OFFICE IN THE BOMB AND LOFT DIVISION AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, STUDIES THE CLUES...



WE'LL THROW UP A NET ON ALL SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS. THAT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
MAYBE... AND MAYBE NOT, PETE. WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!

YOU GO HOME FOR SUPPER, SPEND THE NIGHT QUIETLY WITH YOUR WIFE! NEXT MORNING, YOU KISS HER GOODBYE... AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.



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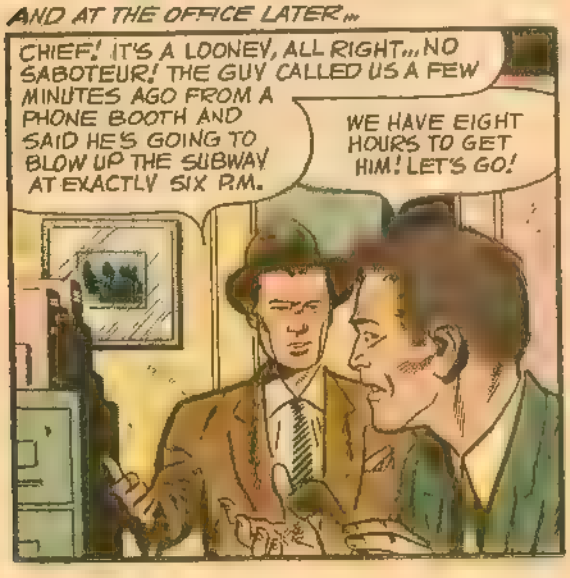
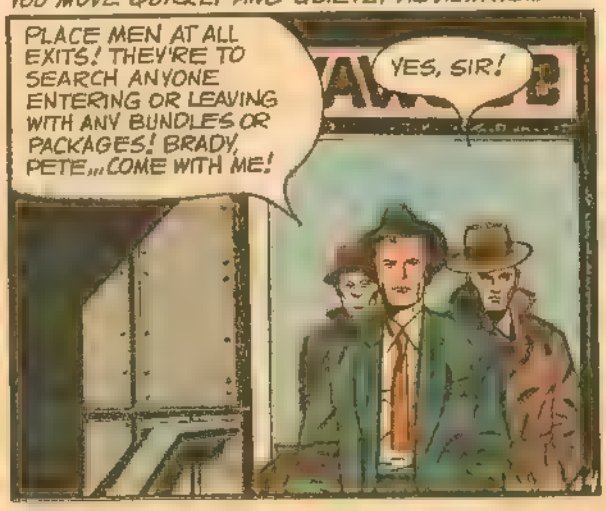

CHIEF! IT'S A LOONEY, ALL RIGHT... NO SABOTEUR! THE GUY CALLED US A FEW MINUTES AGO FROM A PHONE BOOTH AND SAID HE'S GOING TO BLOW UP THE SUBWAY AT EXACTLY SIX P.M.
WE HAVE EIGHT HOURS TO GET HIM! LET'S GO!

THIS IS THE BIG CITY DAN! IF A PANIC GRIPS THE PEOPLE, IT'S A MAJOR DISASTER! SO YOU MOVE QUICKLY AND QUIETLY AS ALWAYS...

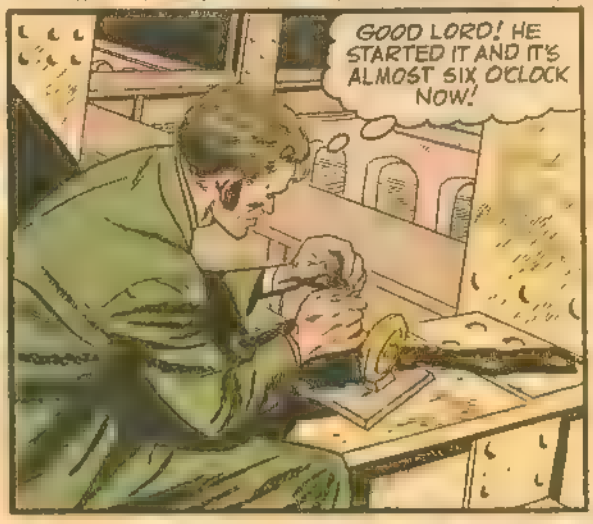

PLACE MEN AT ALL EXITS! THEY'RE TO SEARCH ANYONE ENTERING OR LEAVING WITH ANY BUNDLES OR PACKAGES! BRADY, PETE... COME WITH ME!
YES, SIR!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

MILES OF TRACK! HOW CAN ANY POLICE FORCE TRACK DOWN AN INSANE MAN PLANNING TO BLOW HIMSELF UP INSIDE THE SUBWAY! GOT TO FIND HIM! GOT TO!
YOU CAN'T ORDER THE SUBWAY SHUT DOWN EITHER... OR YOU'LL PARALYZE THE CITY! THE HOURS TICK BY! AND SUDDENLY IT'S...
TEN MINUTES TO SIX! NOT A TRACE! WE'VE COMBED EVERY INCH! FROM 207TH STREET TO BROADWAY AND NASSAU STATION!
SUDDENLY... WHEN THERE'S ONLY A HALF-MILE OF TRACK AHEAD OF YOU... YOU SEE HIM!
HE'S CRAZY ALL RIGHT! NO SANE PERSON WOULD SIT ATOP A GIRDER OVER THE SUBWAY TRACKS HOLDING A TIME-BOMB!
WE'LL CIRCLE HIM AND MOVE IN QUIETLY! DON'T EXCITE HIM, WHATEVER YOU DO!
I SEE YOU! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!! STAY BACK, I'M WARNING YOU!
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD! A GREATER POWER WILL STRIKE YOU SINNERS! WE ARE DOOMED TO ETERNAL MISERY!
KEEP TALKING, BUSTER!... JUST SO LONG AS YOU DON'T SEE ME!
WE WILL ALL REPENT IN.... YA-A-AH! YOU TRIED TO TRICK ME! YOU'RE GOING TO CHEAT ME OUT OF MY FATE! I'LL FIX YOU! ... I'LL....
WATCH OUT, DAN! HE'S PULLING THAT TIME-SWITCH!

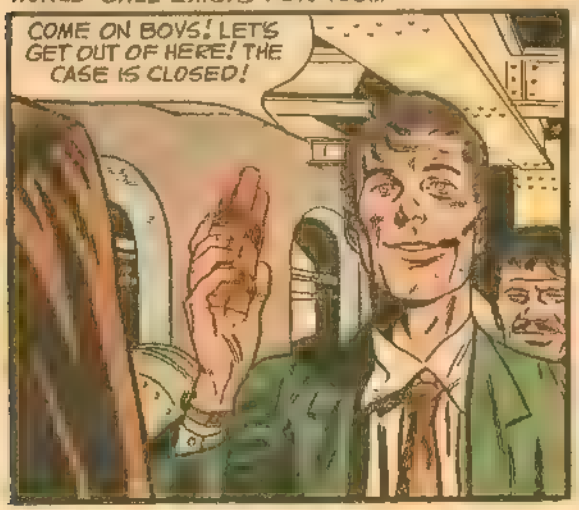
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THE MADMAN IS GONE, DAN CROFT... BUT YOU HAVEN'T ELIMINATED HIS DANGEROUS DEVICE.

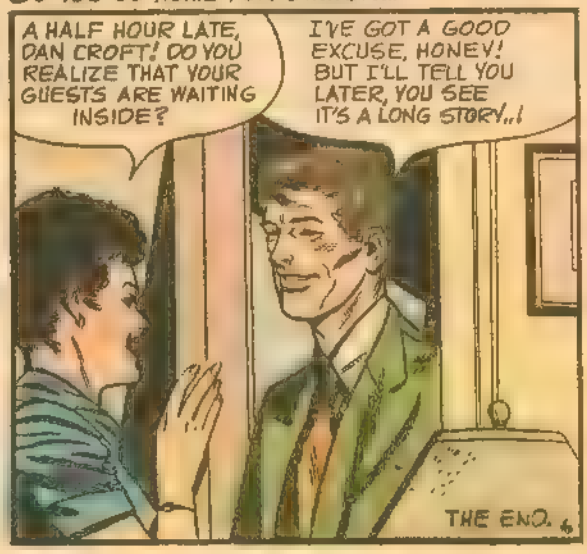


YOU JUMP OFF THE GIRDER AND WORK FRANTICALLY ON THE DEVICE! AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE SUBWAY EXPRESS COMES ROARING DOWN THE TRACKS!

AFTER AN ETERNITY, YOU FACE YOUR MEN! IT'S SIX O'CLOCK! SIX O'CLOCK... AND THE WORLD STILL EXISTS FOR YOU...



SO YOU GO HOME FOR DINNER...


A HALF HOUR LATE, DAN CROFT! DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR GUESTS ARE WAITING INSIDE?
I'VE GOT A GOOD EXCUSE, HONEY! BUT I'LL TELL YOU LATER, YOU SEE IT'S A LONG STORY...!
THE END.

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"It all started when my wife decided to invite some of her relatives over for supper," remarked Detective Al Norton of Special Squad to his buddy, Detective Ben Egan. "Took her almost a week to get everything ready. She borrowed the extra silverware from the Smiths. We didn't have enough chairs, so the Mortons loaned us five. My wife borrowed a serving table from the Baileys.

Nothing was normal in my house for six days. She hired a girl to clean up all the rooms. Then I had to take stuff out of my closet. She almost threw away all the police magazines I have been saving for the past five years. Shows you that a fellow must be alert in his own home.

Finally Saturday night comes. As far as I could see everything went smoothly. For once the turkey wasn't too dry. And the conversation didn't lag for even a minute. When it was all over, was my wife happy? No sir, she was miserable! We had to crowd ten people around the table.

So my wife told me the news. We were going out shopping for an extension table. That's why I have been looking so tired for the past three days. But I know something about tables. I saw one that looks like a desk. You open it and you have a long buffet table. Then they have one that normally seats four. You open it and put in a lot of extension boards. Then you can seat fourteen.

The phone rang and Ben Egan answered it. No need to continue on the topic of relatives and tables.

"Chief Edward Mirkus wants us in his office at once. Maybe he wants to thank us for staying so late. It would be nice if he gave us both the day off tomorrow."

The police chief was very proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from ordinary routine matters to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was open and they walked in. A rather pretty young girl was seated next to a young man.

"Miss Helen Marsden and Mr. John Rodnow, I want you both to meet my two best detectives, Al Norton and Ben Egan. Tell them everything just as you told me. They will start to work on the case at once."

"I write short stories," began the young girl. "My father happens to own a string of magazines. For my birthday he gave me a beautiful mink coat. I told my secretary to get a binder on the coat from our insurance agent. Mr. Rodnow and I went out for a midnight snack that very evening. We parked the car and there were two men wearing masks. One had a gun. He took my fur coat and Mr. Rodnow's wallet. We called the police and there is a complete report on it at the 24th precinct. Unfortunately the coat was stolen before the binder went into effect so I couldn't collect any insurance.

It is now 10:20. We went this evening to La Pluma Club. I checked my coat and saw a duplicate of my mink coat. I tipped the girl and looked closely. At the bottom there was a little inner tag. I ripped the lining slighty. That tag had my name on it. It was my coat. The check girl told me the coat was checked by the singer, Anne Ranger. So we hurried here. The singer will be there until her last show at midnight."

"What are we waiting for?" sighed Detec-

tive Al Norton who realized they could be on this case for the next forty-eight hours without any sleep.

The young girl and her escort drove in their car. The two detectives followed in their car. Over their radio unit came a message from police dispatcher, Jim Lawrence.

"Calling car 26. Listen you two fellows. You are headed for La Pluma Club. Checks out clean. No trouble with the police for the five years they have been established."

The two were parked in a lot near the club. The four went to the check room. The coat was still on its hanger.

"She will leave after her last song," said the check girl. "I hate her. Without her make-up she really isn't a bit attractive. She even tried to make eyes at my boy friend. You can go in and watch the show. She comes down the center aisle so you can see her.

However Detective Al Norton decided to remain in plain view of the check room. The other three took a table. Time seemed to go quickly. Anne Ranger came and took her coat. Detective Al Norton went up to her and showed her his badge.

"Any place we can talk quietly?" he asked.

She wasn't a bit upset and lead them to a side office that was empty. She looked at the four and concluded something important must be under consideration.

"I stay out of trouble," she began. "My uncle was on the force for thirty years. So if there's anything I can do for you, just tell me the story."

"Where did you get the fur coat you are wearing?" asked Detective Ben Egan.

"I gather from the presence of that young lady," snapped back Anne Ranger," that she has an idea it is hers. Nothing doing on that score. It isn't my coat. I borrowed it from a girl friend. She really didn't want to lend it to me. Her boy friend would get mad. He's in some kind of a money-lending business. He lends a lot of money on things like coats, rings, and other valuables."

Detective Ben Egan took the coat and gave it to Miss Helen Marsden. She quickly moved the lining aside and exposed the tag with her name.

"My coat." she told Anne Ranger. "It was taken from me by a hold-up man with a gun."

The singer didn't answer for a few minutes. She was doing some hard thinking.

"Look," she half pleaded, "If it is o.k. with you detectives, I want to make a personal call."

"Can't do it," said Detective Ben Norton. "Next stop is the apartment of that girl friend. So let's get going. No tip off."

The singer had her own car but went into the police car. They told the other car to follow.

"Jane Crocker may not be the brightest dame in this world," said Anne Ranger, "But I'm certain she is on the level. She lives in a house out on Gibson Boulevard. Her mother left it to her."

A twenty minute drive brought them near to the house. Detective Al Norton spoke to the young couple in the accompanying car.

"You two wait here. If anything goes wrong, blow the horn four times."

Anne Ranger rang the bell. A sleepy eyed girl, but completely dressed in a fashionable gown answered the door.

"Brought some friends?" she asked. "Mike called. He and Slim will be over in half an hour. Am I glad you came back with that mink coat. He says the fellow who gave him the coat wants it back."

They all entered and sat down. Jane Crocker played some of the latest recordings. Then two men entered the room followed by another man and a woman.

"Who are those folks?" demanded the heavier of the two men.

"Friends of Anne," replied Jane Crocker.

"Okay this time," he replied. "But not again. Tell 'em to scram. Got some private business."

"We have some private business with you first," said Detective Al Norton as he showed his badge.

One of the other men went for his gun. The strange woman screamed. Detective Ben Egan smashed at the hand and then drew out his service revolver.

"Let's not have any rough play. We all make a trip to headquarters."

The strange man and woman turned out to be a Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson.

"They told me they had a big bargain in a mink coat," explained Mr. Thompson. "That they were in the business of lending money on pledged articles. The party who pledged the coat didn't want to redeem it. Just wanted one thousand dollars for it."

Mike Loonin talked. He was so mad at his girl friend and he told everything.

"A dumb dame like her ruins a good set up. I warned her never to wear any of the stuff or show it to her friends. Slim is my partner. We did stick up jobs in the evenings. Kept the stuff at her house. She thought I was legitimate."

Later Detective Al Norton spoke to Helen Marsden who now had her mink coat.

"If you ever want to write detective stories, here's some material for you."

"I write them," was the unexpected answer. "That's why I didn't try to be a detective on my own. Came right to the authorities."

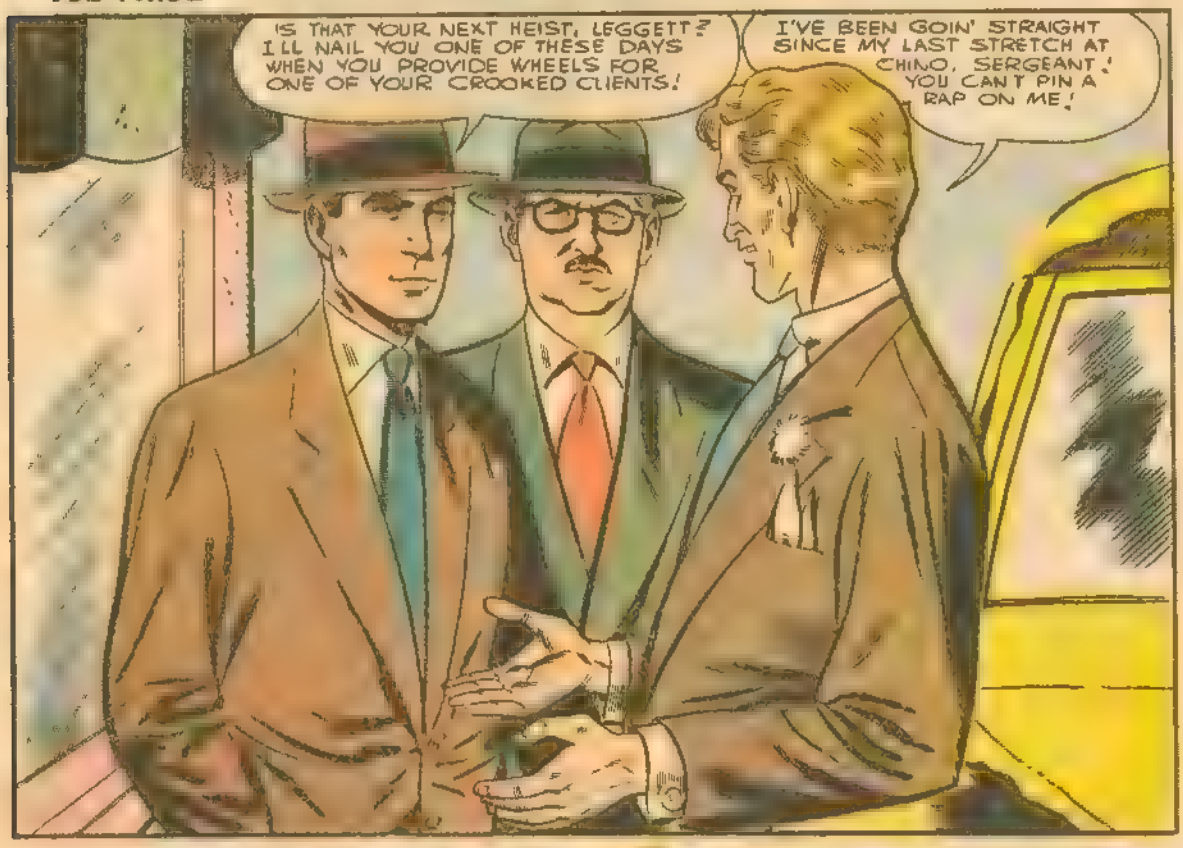
— THE END —

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

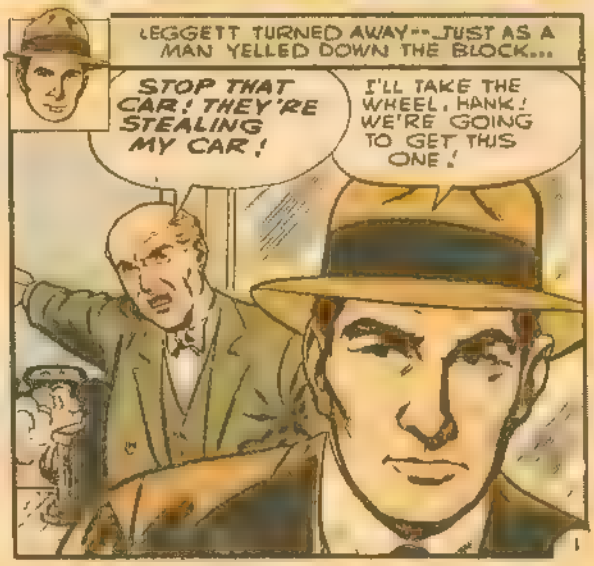
THE CAR RACKET

Sergeant
JOE PRIDE

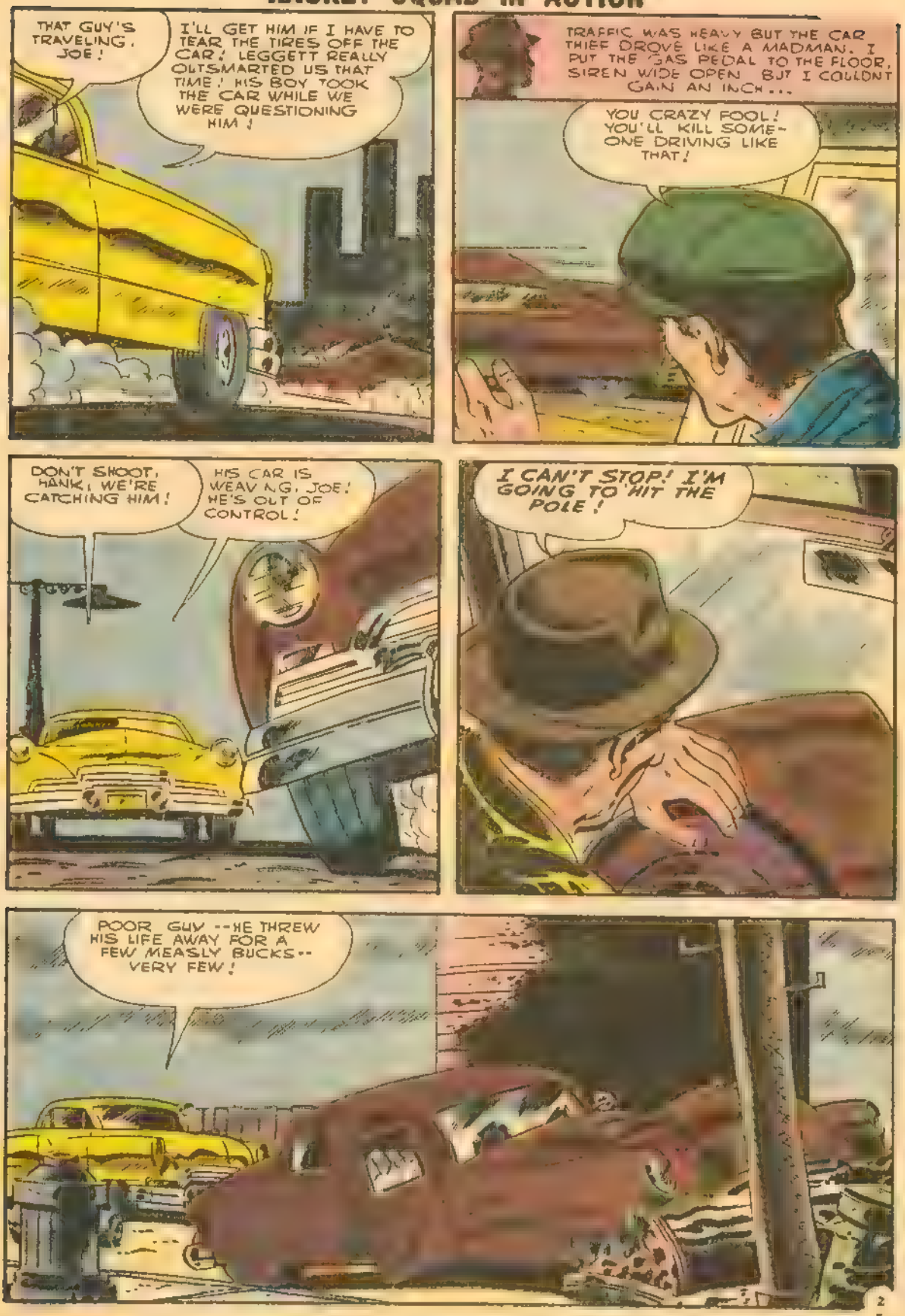
AUTOMOBILES WERE BEING TAKEN FROM THE STREETS AT THE RATE OF TWO A WEEK! THIS COULD ONLY BE THE WORK OF AN ORGANIZED RACKET!


IS THAT YOUR NEXT HEIST, LEGGETT? I'LL NAIL YOU ONE OF THESE DAYS WHEN YOU PROVIDE WHEELS FOR ONE OF YOUR CROOKED CLIENTS!
I'VE BEEN GOIN' STRAIGHT SINCE MY LAST STRETCH AT CHINO, SERGEANT! YOU CAN'T PIN A RAP ON ME!

A MAN WAS KILLED IN A HOLD-UP THIS WEEK, LEGGETT! HE DROVE A STOLEN CAR! YOU PROVIDED THAT CAR, I THINK!
AND IT MAKES YOU AN ACCESSORY, LEGGETT-- IF WE CAN PROVE IT!
YOU BOYS BORE ME!


LEGGETT TURNED AWAY--JUST AS A MAN YELLED DOWN THE BLOCK...
STOP THAT CAR! THEY'RE STEALING MY CAR!
I'LL TAKE THE WHEEL, HANK! WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS ONE!

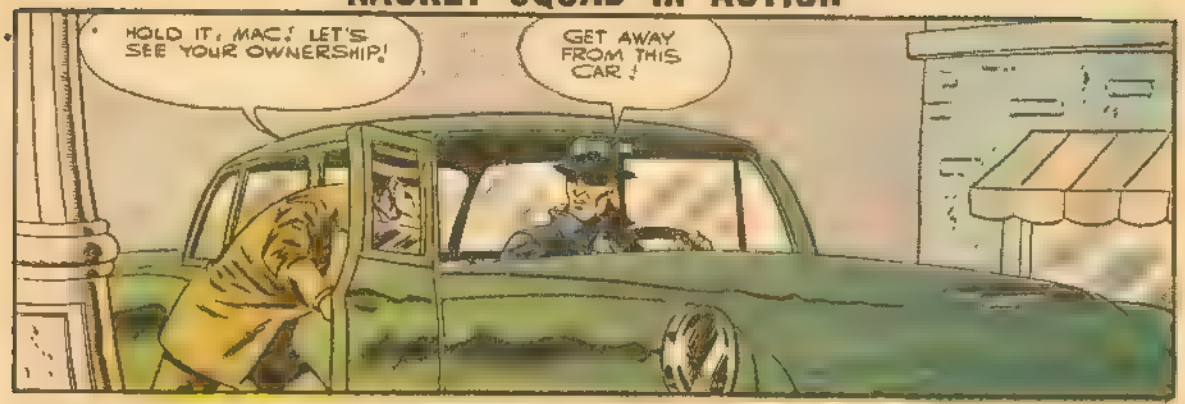
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

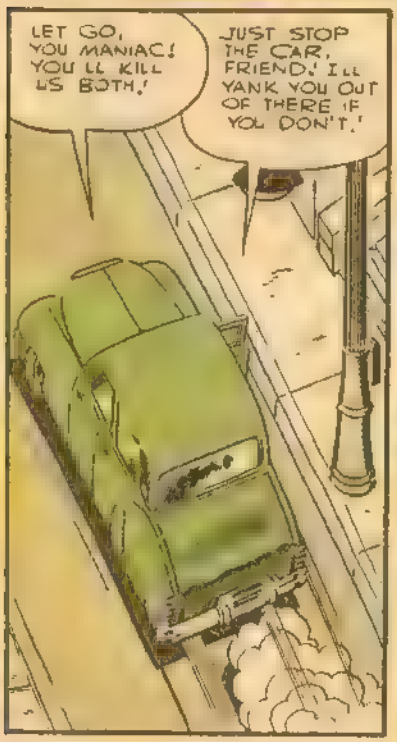

THAT GUY'S TRAVELING, JOE!
I'LL GET HIM IF I HAVE TO TEAR THE TIRES OFF THE CAR! LEGGETT REALLY OUTSMARTED US THAT TIME! HIS BOY TOOK THE CAR WHILE WE WERE QUESTIONING HIM!
TRAFFIC WAS HEAVY BUT THE CAR THIEF DROVE LIKE A MADMAN. I PUT THE GAS PEDAL TO THE FLOOR, SIREN WIDE OPEN BUT I COULDN'T GAIN AN INCH...
YOU CRAZY FOOL! YOU'LL KILL SOMEONE DRIVING LIKE THAT!
DON'T SHOOT, HANK! WE'RE CATCHING HIM!
HIS CAR IS WEAVING, JOE! HE'S OUT OF CONTROL!
I CAN'T STOP! I'M GOING TO HIT THE POLE!
POOR GUY --HE THREW HIS LIFE AWAY FOR A FEW MEASLY BUCKS-- VERY FEW!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

IT WAS 11:15 WHEN HE HIT THE POLE--AT 11:22 THE AMBULANCE SURGEON PRONOUNCED HIM DEAD! AT HEADQUARTERS WE LEARNED HE HAD A LONG BUT PETTY CRIMINAL RECORD! I TALKED TO THE LIEUTENANT...
THEY'RE GETTING CAUTIOUS, SERGEANT! DO YOU THINK THEY RE GIVING UP?
NO SIR! LEGGETT LIKES MONEY TOO MUCH--THE CAR THIEF RING WILL KEEP GOING TILL WE GET TOMMY LEGGETT!
THE TOUGH PART OF IT IS, LEGGETT DOESN'T STEAL CARS AND SELL THEM TO DEALERS HE JUST GRABS A CAR FOR A QUICK HOLDUP FOR ONE OF HIS CUSTOMERS-- FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THE TAKE!
SO THAT MEANS LEGGETT GETS A BIG PROFIT WITH A MINIMUM OF RISK! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO STOP HIM?
I'LL JUST STICK TO LEGGETT TILL HE MAKES A MISTAKE! THEY ALWAYS DO!
IT WASN'T AN EASY ASSIGNMENT... HANK SMITH AND I TOOK TURNS KEEPING A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR VIGIL ON THE CAR THIEF KING...
Restaurant
HE'S IN THERE--WITH A FEW SHADY CHARACTERS WHO PROBABLY WORK FOR HIM! HE'S SHREWD-- JUST SHREWD ENOUGH TO GO BACK TO A CELL!
THERE'S ONE OF HIS STOOGES! THIS TIME I'LL GET A PRISONER!
SOME FOOL LEFT HIS ENGINE RUNNING-- AND THAT TWO BIT JESSE JAMES IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT!

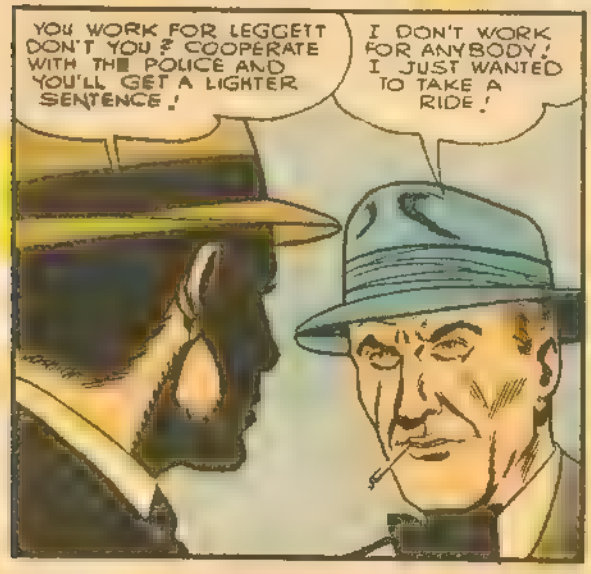
RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

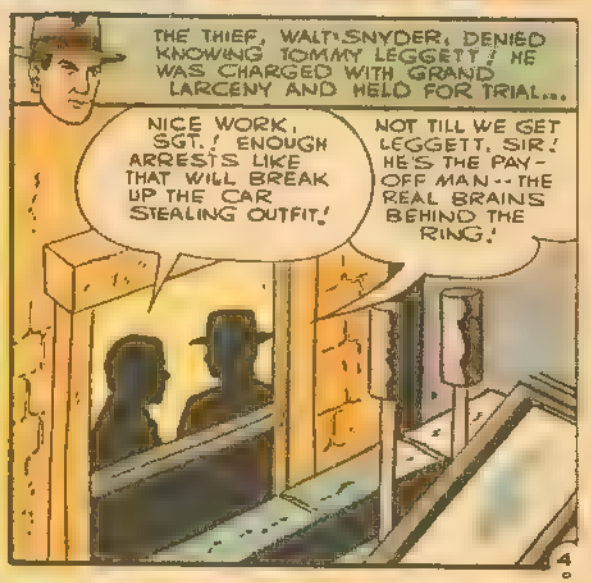




THE DRIVER FAILED TO SHOW OWNERSHIP PAPERS...AND SECONDS LATER THE REAL OWNER OF THE CAR SHOWED UP..
YOU SAY THIS IS YOUR CAR? WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE KEY IN THE IGNITION?
W-WHY, I WAS JUST GOING TO BE INSIDE FOR A MINUTE!

DRIVERS LIKE YOU MAKE IT TOUGH ON THE POLICE, MISTER! THIS GUY COULD'VE STOLEN YOUR CAR AND HIS BOSS WOULD SELL IT TO A GUNMAN TRYING TO PULL A JOB! I OUGHT TO RUN YOU IN!


YOU WORK FOR LEGGETT DON'T YOU? COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE AND YOU'LL GET A LIGHTER SENTENCE!
I DON'T WORK FOR ANYBODY! I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A RIDE!


THE THIEF, WALT SNYDER, DENIED KNOWING TOMMY LEGGETT! HE WAS CHARGED WITH GRAND LARCENY AND HELD FOR TRIAL...
NICE WORK, SGT.! ENOUGH ARRESTS LIKE THAT WILL BREAK UP THE CAR STEALING OUTFIT!
NOT TILL WE GET LEGGETT, SIR! HE'S THE PAY-OFF MAN--THE REAL BRAINS BEHIND THE RING!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THEN AT NOON, TWO DAYS LATER THREE MEN ENTERED THE CHEMICAL BANK AND LOAN COMPANY! I WAS OFF DUTY AT THE TIME...
KEEP QUIET AND ENJOY YOUR OLD AGE, MISTER! START PUTTING THE LOOT IN THE BAG!
ALL RIGHT, MISTER! JUST POINT THAT GUN SOMEWHERE ELSE!
COME ON, PAL! WE AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!
DON'T WORRY, DICK I'M NOT STAYIN' FOR LUNCH! LET'S GO!
THEY ROBBED THE BANK! STOP THAT CAR!
TOO LATE FOR THAT-- BUT I GOT THE LICENSE NUMBER!
HEADQUARTERS REACHED ME AT HOME... I WAS INVOLVED IN THE CASE BECAUSE THE CAR USED IN THE GETAWAY WAS STOLEN...
HEY, SERGEANT, THAT STOLEN CAR USED IN THE HOLDUP WAS JUST FOUND IN BRENTWOOD! INTERESTED?
YOU BET I AM! MAYBE THIS TIME LEGGETT SLIPPED UP!
ENTER
THIS IS THE ONE THEY USED, ALL RIGHT! DON'T LET ANYONE NEAR IT! I WANT THE LAB BOYS TO CHECK IT OVER!
IT WAS 9:28 THAT EVENING WHEN SAM MANNING FINISHED WORKING IN THE POLICE LABORATORY...
NOT MUCH IN IT, JOE! I DID FIND SOME FINE CASHMERE WOOL THREADS-- IMPORTED! IT'S MOTH-PROOFED WITH A SPECIAL COATING TOO! THAT HELP?
IT MIGHT BE JUST WHAT I NEED, SAM! THANKS A LOT!

RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

WITH THE LEAD SAM GAVE US HANK AND I WENT ON A SEARCH FOR THE BOSS OF THE CAR THIEVES...
HAS TOMMY LEGGETT BEEN IN? YOU KNOW WHO I AM!
YES, SIR, SERGEANT! SOMEONE LIKE THAT MIGHT BE SITTING IN THE BACK RIGHT NOW IF YOU LOOKED!
LET'S TAKE A RUN DOWN TO THE STATION HOUSE, LEGGETT! THIS TIME, I THINK YOU'LL STICK AROUND AWHILE!
YOU'RE GETTIN' IN MY HAIR, SERGEANT! WHY SHOULD I GO WITH YOU?
THAT FANCY SPORT JACKET SHEDS A LITTLE, LEGGETT! WE FOUND SOME WOOL IN THE STOLEN CAR! I THINK IT'LL MATCH THAT JACKET YOU'RE SPORTING!
WOOL? HOW CAN THAT PROVE ANY-THING? IT MIGHT'VE COME OFF ANYONE'S CLOTHES!
NO, LEGGETT! THIS IS A SPECIAL KIND! I'LL BET MY HAT YOURS IS THE ONLY JACKET LIKE IT IN TOWN! LET'S GO!
COME ON, LEGGETT! QUIT WASTING TIME! IF YOU'RE NOT GUILTY, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
NOT SO FAST, SER-GEANT!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS, DETECTIVE? I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU -- I GOT PLANS OF MY OWN!
YOU'RE A FOOL, LEGGETT! I'LL ADD A GUN CHARGE TO THE REST WHEN WE GET TO THE STATION!

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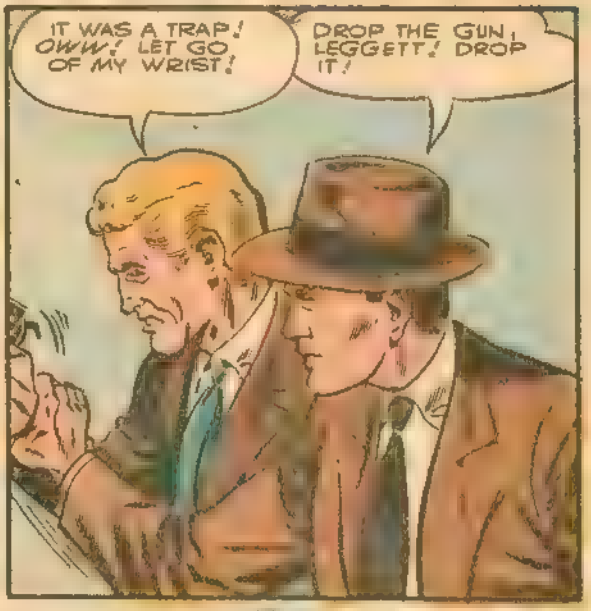
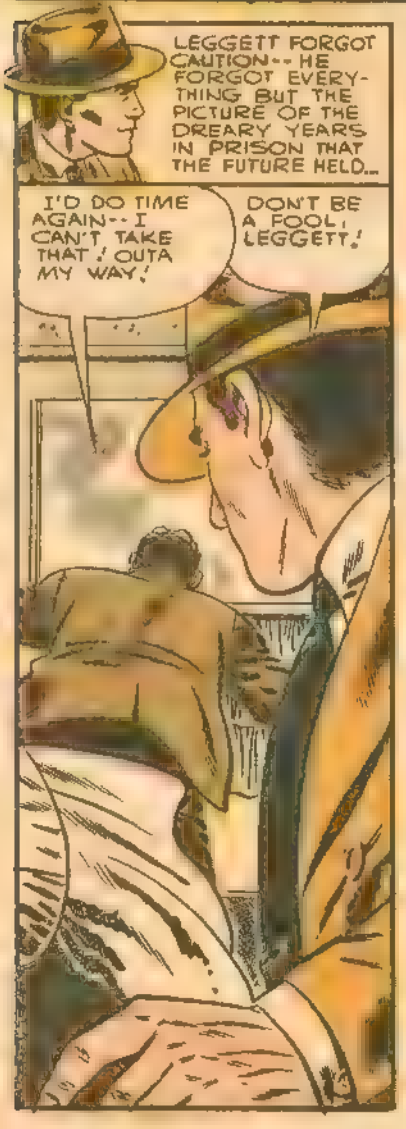
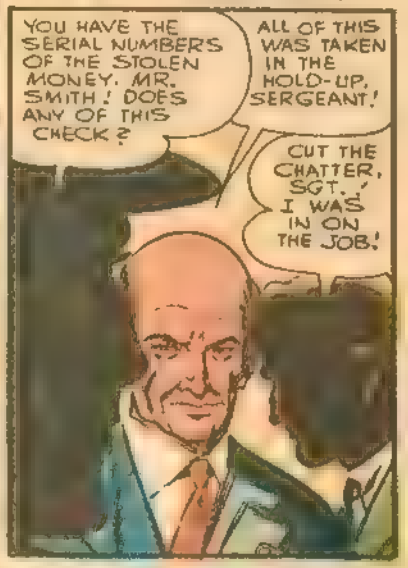



LEGGETT FORGOT CAUTION-- HE FORGOT EVERYTHING BUT THE PICTURE OF THE DREARY YEARS IN PRISON THAT THE FUTURE HELD...
I'D DO TIME AGAIN-- I CAN'T TAKE THAT! OUTA MY WAY!
DON'T BE A FOOL, LEGGETT!

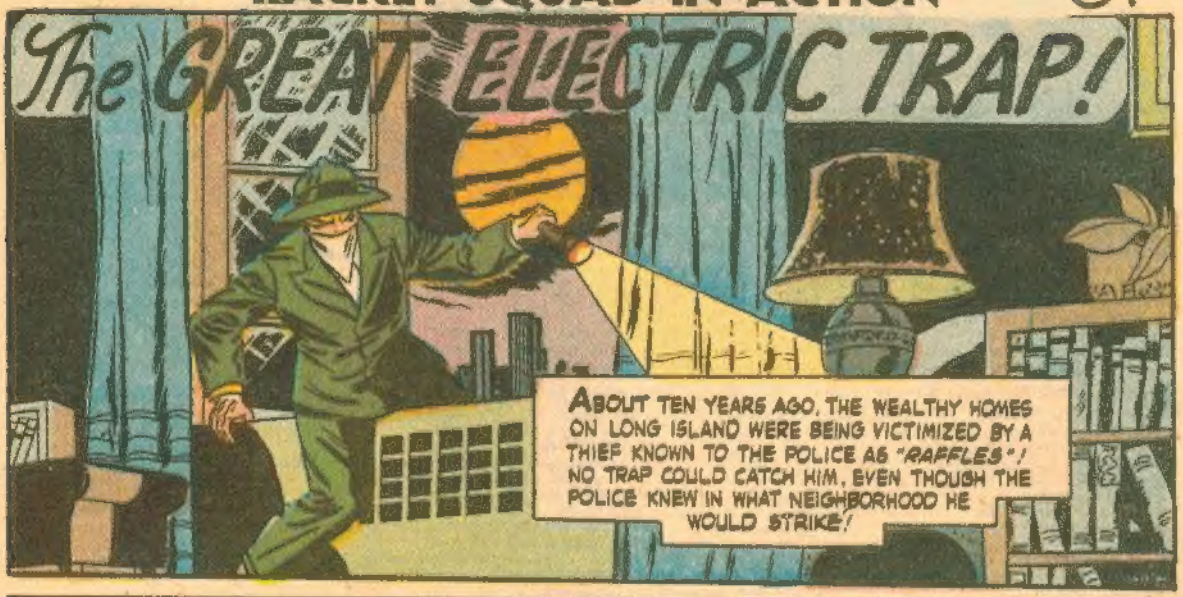
IN THE POLICE STATION, WITH LEGGETT'S LAWYER PRESENT, HIS POCKETS WERE EMPTIED AND THE CONTENTS EXAMINED! A TELLER FROM THE BANK WAS THERE TOO...


YOU HAVE THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE STOLEN MONEY, MR. SMITH! DOES ANY OF THIS CHECK?
ALL OF THIS WAS TAKEN IN THE HOLD-UP, SERGEANT!
CUT THE CHATTER, SGT.! I WAS IN ON THE JOB!

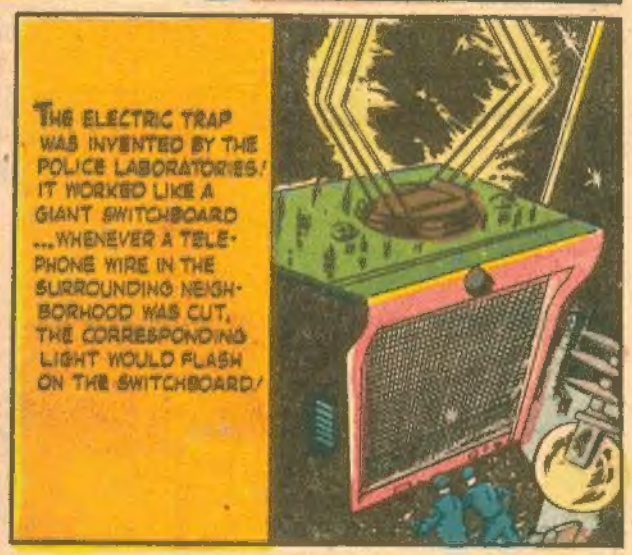
YOUR LITTLE RACKET DIDN'T LAST LONG, LEGGETT! THANKS TO A FEW WISPS OF WOOL AND YOUR OWN STUPIDITY. YOU'RE GOING BACK TO PRISON! INCIDENTALLY, THE HOLD-UP BOYS WERE PICKED UP IN BALTIMORE TONIGHT, TOO!

THE END

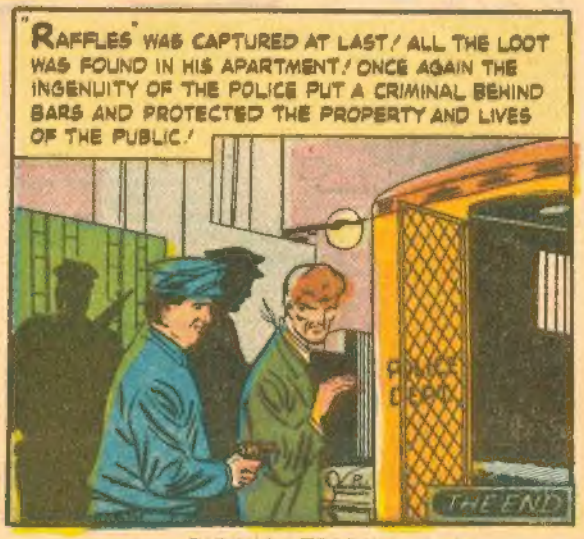
The GREAT ELECTRIC TRAP!


ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO, THE WEALTHY HOMES ON LONG ISLAND WERE BEING VICTIMIZED BY A THIEF KNOWN TO THE POLICE AS "RAFFLES"! NO TRAP COULD CATCH HIM, EVEN THOUGH THE POLICE KNEW IN WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD HE WOULD STRIKE!

HOWEVER, THIS VAIN THIEF REFUSED TO GO UNNOTICED! HE WOULD LEAVE HIS TRADE MARK AT THE SCENE OF EACH CRIME... A CUT TELEPHONE WIRE! IT WAS THIS CUT WIRE THAT GAVE THE POLICE THE IDEA FOR THE ELECTRIC TRAP!


THE ELECTRIC TRAP WAS INVENTED BY THE POLICE LABORATORIES! IT WORKED LIKE A GIANT SWITCHBOARD ...WHENEVER A TELEPHONE WIRE IN THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD WAS CUT, THE CORRESPONDING LIGHT WOULD FLASH ON THE SWITCHBOARD!

ONE NIGHT, AFTER WEEKS OF PATIENT WAITING, A LIGHT FROM A PHONE IN A NEARBY NEIGHBORHOOD FLASHED! SQUAD CARS WERE NOTIFIED AND WITHIN A MATTER OF MINUTES THE POLICE WERE SURROUNDING THE HOUSE!


"RAFFLES" WAS CAPTURED AT LAST! ALL THE LOOT WAS FOUND IN HIS APARTMENT! ONCE AGAIN THE INGENUITY OF THE POLICE PUT A CRIMINAL BEHIND BARS AND PROTECTED THE PROPERTY AND LIVES OF THE PUBLIC!
THE END

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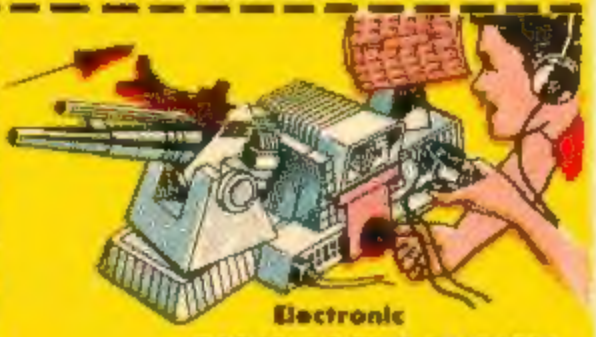

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